Token strike by ClassIII/IV employees of different hospital

771. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Class III and IV employees of different hospitals in Delhi have decided to go on a token strike on May 2, 1989 and on an indefinite strike thereafter to press their demands pending due since long; and

(b) if so, the details of their demands and steps being taken to avert the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A notice from All India Health Employees and Workers Confederation has been received for one day token strike on 2-5-1989. The demands of the Confederation could be considered by the Government only after the Confederation is duly recognised under the rules framed by the Department of Personnel and Training Govern- of India.

Research proposals from young scientists to the Secince and Engineering Research Council

772. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Science and Engineering Research Council is receiving any proposals from young scientists for research in various disciplines;

(b) if so, whether these proposals are screened and some projects are sanctioned;

(c) whether any major projects in future technologies have been sanctioned under this scheme during the last three years; and

(d) if so, what are the projects and what has been the result of work on them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Science and Engineering Research Council initiated this new programme in early 87 for young scientists to support them to persue their bright ideas in newly emerging and frontline areas of research. Proposals are screened through a mechanism evolved by Science and Engineering Research Council.

(c) and (d) So far 26 young sicentists have been supported in various scientific disciplines in frontline and emerging areas. These projects relate to aspects such as studies on plant growth; water quality estimation; studies of semi-conductors and related aspects; development of micro computer based system to study electrical responses, etc. Projects under the scheme are aimed at enabling young scientists to launch themselves into an independent research career.

Growth rate of population in tribal areas

773. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the growth rate of population in the tribal areas is much less as compared to other areas of the country, resulting in decrease in the proportional population of the tribals; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI